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Ever, by day and night, under the sun and under the stars, climbing the dusty hills and toiling along the weary plains, journeying by land and journeying by sea, coming and going so strangely, to meet and to act and react on one another, move all we restless travelers, through the pilgrimage of life.—Charles Dickens.

NEW PRIMARY LAW WORKS WELL

Hawaii's first nominating election under the new direct primary law has brought a number of lessons and suggestions for needed amendments to the law.

On the whole, the new method of nominating party candidates worked just as successfully as its supporters had hoped. It provided a free and untrammelled expression of opinion on the part of voters as to the men they wished to see run for office. Its main drawback—that of failing to keep voters of one party from participating in the nominations of candidates of another party—can hardly be overcome except by some rigid plan that would make an elector declare his party allegiance and receive a ballot containing the names only of candidates running under that single party designation. Such a plan would have two manifest disadvantages—it would prevent the large growing element of independent voters from casting their ballots according to their judgment, and it would increase the election machinery to the point of unwieldiness. Handling three or four big blanket ballots would be no easy or quick task for election officials.

One noticeable fact of Saturday's voting was that it proceeded rapidly and smoothly. The much-feared difficulty in voting the new ballot proved nothing but a myth. In most precincts the voting was the fastest in many elections. Any voter of ordinary intelligence, it was shown, can cast the new form of ballot without any particular difficulty or delay. This is amply proved by the comparative statistics of ballots cast and ballots thrown out, the percentage of the latter being so small as to be nearly negligible.

The election machinery under the new law is shown to be good. One or two minor amendments are necessary. For one thing, a great deal of absolutely useless labor was caused election officials at the polling-booths by the section of the act of 1913 which requires full returns to be made not only to the secretary of the territory, the county clerk and the chairman of the election commission, but to the territorial and county chairmen of each political party. The precinct officials, after counting most of Saturday night and in many cases most of Sunday morning, then were compelled to make out 13 distinct sets of rules, 10 of which are quite superfluous.

Another amendment, suggested by some, but whose wisdom will have to be considered, is that the names of candidates receiving less than a certain small percentage of votes in the primary should be automatically dropped, it being probable that their names would only clutter the general election ballot with no possibility whatever of election.

In general, it may be said of the new law that it makes too long a primary campaign. It may be obviated by lessening the length of time before the primary election required for candidates to file their nomination papers. If candidates for delegate file a month before the nominating election and those for legislative and municipal offices file two weeks before the election, it will shorten the stumping-campaign and should not hurt any candidate's chances. As it is now, the primary campaign, besides being a burden of expense upon the candidate, is tiresome to most of the voters. Both party organizations were drawn into the primary campaign this year. The longer the primary maneuvering, the greater is the expense, the greater the possibility of factional fights in the parties, the greater the exhaustion long in advance of the real campaign. Half of the candidate's strength and most of the electorate's patience are spent before party nominees are chosen.

But these are minor details that are easy of

avoidance. The next legislature can quickly and easily amend the law. In the main, it has been shown to be a good law and there is no question that the vote of Saturday was a free expression of opinion.

A POLITICAL BREATHING- SPELL NEEDED

A breathing-spell in the political race is badly needed right now, otherwise some of the candidates are going to get winded—if politicians ever do get winded—before the campaign ends in November.

Let's have a political armistice, pick up the dead and wounded, give the opposing armies a rest and incidentally give the people a rest. The latter would appreciate it. Politics, hot and cold, has been fed the electorate pretty steadily for two months past. Most of us, interested as we are in the success of a good cause, have to work for a living, and few men can mix politics and business successfully day after day and night after night. That is, unless politics constitutes their business.

The primary campaign has been a long one and a tiring one. Too much politics will tire the voter and cause him to lose interest. Let's let up a little on campaign activities—have at least two weeks, preferably a month, of surcease from talk of tickets, slates, deals and vote-getting—and get down to business. If the territorial and county chairmen of the respective parties will get together, agree not to open the stumping campaign until the first or second week in October, and discourage any general campaigning until that time, the people will be grateful. And it won't hurt any party's chances a bit—not a bit. It will give the general campaign a fresh start, and will assure the candidates that when they take the stump it will be before large audiences that have had a chance to get over the siege of primary fever.

THE ISSUE REMAINS PARAMOUNT

The real issue in the primary campaign for delegate does not end with the counting of the votes on Saturday night. That issue—energetic and efficient representation in Washington for Hawaii—will go on and the fight for it will go on. No great political or governmental question is settled until it is settled right.

Hawaii has not yet realized the full extent of danger in lethargic representation at the national capital. Its effects have not struck home to the people of this territory as they will strike home some day. The primary campaign showed great confusion of issues; it was bogged by clever appeals to sympathy and the race for delegate was purposely and effectively tangled up in legislative and municipal fights.

Personal appeal as against impersonal statement is and always has been and always will be an effective method of vote-getting until the truth of the impersonal statement bites deep.

Now and always Hawaii deserves whole-hearted service in Washington; now and always the interests of Hawaii should be put ahead of personal feeling and individual prejudice. The sentiment is unmistakable that active and result-getting representation at the national capital must be given in the future. The fight for it will go on.

Kauai stood by a man who had proved himself worthy of support and was known to the voters.

At least the anxious ones weren't left long in doubt as to which way the race for delegate was going.

It's just as easy to vote under the new as the old method.

All of the professional politicians now say they knew it all the time.

Rice's friends say it was a Jonah, all right.

How do you like the direct primary law?

Election bet payments are in order.

"THE INEVITABLE"

Crowned Heads are Signing Own Death Warrants.



LETTERS

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

THANKS HIS SUPPORTERS.

Honolulu, T. H., Sept. 14.
Editor Star-Bulletin.
Sir: Permit me through the columns of your paper to thank the electorate for the favorable vote tendered me on September 12.

This being my first aspiration for municipal honors, I feel extremely grateful for the kind consideration, particularly of the twelfth precinct of the fourth district, which honored me with first place on the supervisory ticket; also to my own precinct, the fourteenth of the fifth district, which placed me second on the ticket. I will again be in the game two years hence, as I believe the primary law will be amended giving to the fifth district three supervisors, and the fourth three, allowing one to run at large. This will give the proper representation to both districts.

The vote of September 12 came almost giving the fourth district seven members for the board of supervisors. Again reiterating my acknowledgments, I beg to remain, with sentiments of respect and gratitude, very truly yours,

A. K. VIERRA,

(Kani Ko-ha).
Defeated candidate for Supervisor, Fifth District.

FISH DIET PROMISED AT WEEKLY LUNCHEON OF HONOLULU AD CLUB

The Ad club luncheon of Wednesday will be enlivened by a dissertation by H. Gooding Field on game fishing in the Hawaiian Islands. Mr. Field is an angler who has angled almost around the world and one who recognizes fishing waters when he meets them. It is his ambition to organize the Hawaii Tuna club and he usually accomplishes what he undertakes.

Fish, fishers and fishing will prove interesting topics at this particular luncheon and it is possible that "Heine" will vary the discourse with a luncheon in which fish will play an important part.

Incidentally, it is announced by the secretary pro tem, who has a signature that defies translation, that tickets for the "Spirit of Hawaii" Leahi Home benefit will be on sale at the luncheon by J. D. Levenson.

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and it has done so. I will give the candidate for mayor and for every other office my heartiest support. I wish to thank the many friends as well as supporters who I did not know for their efforts in my behalf.

—ALBION F. CLARK: In the recent primaries I am with a large following who also ran.

—JAMES QUINN: I understand that they have not finished rejoicing over my nomination at Lale. Its all over but the shouting.

—WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD: I owe my nomination at the primaries to the opposition from the morning paper. It always works out that way.

—M. H. DRUMMOND: Some one has said, "May the good-lord save us from our fool friends." That comes pretty near being a pat phrase for more than one unsuccessful candidate for office.

—L. L. McCandless: I feel rather proud of that vote cast in the second precinct of the fifth district.

—J. J. FERN: I went home before midnight on Saturday feeling well assured that it was all over but the shouting. Uncle Joe is now confident that a Maxime silencer is better than a brass band in hunting ducks or garnering voters at a primary.

—HARRY MURRAY: I have been kept busy today taking in money that was won from the hustace camp. When I said that I would take off my coat and work for the winner of the contest, I meant it.

—JOHN H. WISE: I have just learned that Fred Waterhouse and Charles A. Rice have told some people that I was responsible for the so-called Johnson ticket that came out on Friday. It is absolutely false.

—A. K. VIERRA: I am pleased at my showing in the primaries. I got a bigger vote than one well-known professional politician who tried to knife me in several precincts.

—JOHN C. ANDERSON: I desire to thank all those who supported me in the primary campaign and at the booths on Saturday. I will support Mr. Conkling, the victorious Republican nominee, to the best of my ability and do all I can to assure his election on November 3.

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WHAT IS TRUE LOVE?

Once into a life of almost every man and woman comes an experience that makes existence divine. Then human creatures live not on the sordid earth but in heaven. They are transfigured within, and become as if new-born. All is changed also around them. The streets are gold, the stars sing, the world is crystal. This experience is called TRUE LOVE.

It is a kind of madness. It is like intoxication. It is a drama, a wonder, a miracle. Common to all people, it is yet the most uncommon, amazing, shattering thing known.

It is the love of one man for one woman. It is the mating instinct of nature as translated into spirit qualities by the deep human heart and the majestic human brain.

The first effect is to shut out all the rest of mankind. The two are walled

up in a world of their own. They want no one else. Their thoughts cannot escape intense concentration upon one another. They are monomaniacs.

To the man in true love with one woman all other women have something repellent toward him.

We may love many times, but the great true love comes but once.—Dr. Frank Crane, in Woman's World for September.